FISCAL NOTE

SB 3816 - HB 3385

January 28, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires motor vehicles traveling on highways with at least four lanes and on divided highways to stay in right lanes except to pass other motor vehicles or to yield or give room to emergency vehicles as required by state law. Creates a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 per violation. Directs law enforcement officials to stringently enforce the provisions of this bill when the safety of motorists is at risk from motor vehicles traveling substantially below posted speed limits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$71,200 Increase Local Gov't. Revenue - \$3,800

Assumptions:

- The Department of Safety estimates 5,000 violations per year.
- The average fine is estimated to be \$20 per violation.
- The increase of fines issued is estimated to be \$100,000 (5,000 violations x \$20 = \$100,000) per year.
- 25% of fines issued will not be collected due to indigence.
- The total increase of violation revenue is estimated to be \$75,000 ($$100,000 \times 75\% = $75,000$) per year.
- County clerks receive 5% of violation revenue.
- The increase to local government revenue is estimated to be \$3,800 ($$75,000 \times 5\% = $3,750$) per year.
- The increase to state revenue is estimated to be \$71,200 (\$75,000 \$3,800 local share = \$71,200) per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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